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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF SECRETARY'S DEPARTURE STATEMENT FROM RABAT:

2. BEGIN QUOTE I WISH TO THANK KING HASSAN AND MOROCCAN OFFICIALS FOR THE EXTRAORDINARY COURTESY WITH WHICH WE HAVE BEEN TREATED, THE WARM HOSPITALITY THAT'S BEEN EXTENDED AND THE EXTREMELY USEFUL TALKS THAT WE HAVE HAD.

3. THIS IS THE FIRST ARAB COUNTRY THAT I HAVE VISITED, AND IT IS OF COURSE MY FIRST STOP ON A TRIP THAT I HOPE WILL CONTRIBUTE TO A PERMANENT AND JUST PEACE FOR THE MIDDLE EAST. IT WAS THEREFORE PARTICULARLY APPROPRIATE THAT THIS VISIT SHOULD BE TO A COUNTRY THAT IS AT ONE AND THE SAME TIME A CLOSE FRIEND OF THE UNITED STATES AND ALSO CLOSELY ALLIED WITH ITS BROTHERS IN THE ARAB WORLD.

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4. THE CONVERSATIONS WITH HIS MAJESTY WERE CONDUCTED WITH AN ATTITUDE OF FRIENDSHIP,BUT THEY ALSO CONTRIBUTED GREATLY TO MY UNDERSTANDING OF THE POINT OF VIEW OF THE ARAB COUNTRIES, AND I LEAVE HERE WITH GREATER DETERMINATION AND I HOPE GREATER COURAGE TO CONTRIBUTE TO PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST THAT EXTENDS TO ALL OF THE PEOPLE OF THE MIDDLE EAST.

5. WE ALSO HAD SOME DISCUSSIONS OF BILATERAL PROBLEMS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND MOROCCO, AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY NEWSOM IS RETURNING HERE ON NOVEMBER FIFTEENTH FOR MORE EXTENDED TALKS WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. END QUOTE
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